

# Newsletter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Review 2012

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### Pro-bono Training for UNISA outreach

Future-Teacher has recently provided pro-bono Assessor Training US 115753 for eleven students from the UNISA Outreach Project as part of our community upliftment initiative. These students were trained by Skillspro Learning Academy Mountainview. Dr. George van Diggelen's charismatic approach ensured that the training was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We wish them all of the best with their future career paths.



## Early Childhood Development

NQF level 4  
SAQA ID 58761

Future-Teacher currently offers a Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development as a qualification on NQF Level 4. The exciting news is that the Higher Certificate: Early Childhood Development on NQF Level 5 is already in development.

A prerequisite to the level 4 course is that you need a qualification on NQF level 3 or higher to enrol for this course.

This course should appeal to a person:

- who is already involved in a nursery school and would like to be recognised as a qualified ECD practitioner;
- who is a teacher's assistant in an ECD centre and would like to gain a recognised qualification;
- who is interested in becoming an au pair and would like to gain a qualification to support their field of interest;
- who wants a career change and would like to get involved in early childhood development;
- with a passion for preschool kids who has been unemployed for some time and would like to re-enter the world of work with recognised skills in this field;
- who would like to own or manage a nursery school;
- who would like to start a career path in Early Childhood development.

Our next course starts in July 2012 and January 2013

**For more information and enrolment details contact:**  
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## Online Database

A big thanks to all our teachers, trainers and learners for being excited and positive about our new online database. The database has been very well accepted by all our clients and, except for a few teething problems, our newest baby is winning smiles from all over! Our first registration was done by Sonja van der Linde from Manthano Christian School in White River. Our 600th registration was done by Laurica van Heerden from Witbank Christian Academy!

Please keep in mind that all 2012 school learners have to be registered before 4 July.

The biggest addition to the database is the online Portfolio of Evidence (PoE). Now students have the option of either going fully digital or still continuing with the paper based PoE. Students can now upload all class work, as well as formative and summative assessments. They log in by using their email addresses and passwords (as generated during the registration process). In this way they can keep track of their progress, as results per activity are displayed, and ensure that all necessary work has been uploaded before certification can take place.

Please keep in mind that Google Chrome needs to be installed to access the database. For any assistance please contact Debra (debra@skillspro.co.za) or Hendriette (hendriette@skillspro.co.za) or telephone during office hours on 018 771 6083/93.



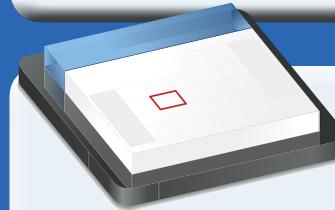
## Olympics

Most of us would love to be in London on the 27th of July this year to witness the opening of the Summer Olympic Games. For the rest of us there is Futurekids! Futurekids will ensure that our learners are ready and prepared for the Olympic Games with an Olympic curriculum to be released in the middle of the year, in line with the three Olympic values: excellence, respect, friendship. Please remember to attend the curriculum training session that will be scheduled in your area – and let's build a better world through sport!



## CAT Update

All CAT learners need to be registered every year on our online database. After the learners have been registered for CAT, a login and password will be sent to the IT teacher at the specific school to access our new CAT forum via the Skillspro website. The forum will contain relevant CAT information, papers, tests and assessments. Do not miss out - make sure you register!



## Web Calendar

**Do visit the Skillspro website and familiarize yourself with all events planned in your area**

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# Staff

**Zak Reineke** has been appointed as a Regional Manager in the Klerksdorp cluster. He lives and works in Potchefstroom where he teaches Futurekids and Skillspro at Agapé Christian School. He loves music, Die Taal, teenagers, Maths, preparing (and eating!) food and enjoys various forms of development.

Since he was approached to manage the Klerksdorp cluster, he has completed three training sessions, including Initial Teacher Training, Assessor and Moderator Training. Though he admits to being a newbie concerning the administrative side of things, he is extremely excited and positive about supporting other teachers. He is also very keen on learning from colleagues, as he was from the beginning very impressed with the Skillspro curricula and methodology.

Welcome to the Skillspro family, Zak. We wish you all of the best! Zak can be contacted at zak@skillspro.co.za

**Justeen Thambiran** has been on maternity leave since January 2012 and she and hubby Lishen have recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Letania.

“Letania is now 3 and half months and is growing up healthy, strong and she is truly the light and life of both my husband and I. She keeps me busy and, as every proud mother would say, she is quite intelligent for a 3 month old baby as she demands the attention of everyone around by calling the famous word “HEY”.

I love being a mother. Having her in my life has made me more aware of what life’s priorities are and that is family and being happy. She has made me a more patient and outspoken person especially when it comes to her well being. I can truly say the long wait was well worth it and I thank God every day for allowing me to have her in my life.”

Justeen has returned to work on Wednesday 9 May 2012. Thank you Janet for managing KZN & the Free State while Justeen was on leave.



## Holiday Lessons

Our primary school curriculum is seeing some new developments with additional project lessons based on our South African holidays and special days - because we are proud of who we are!

The following projects have been released in Term 2:

- i. Easter
- ii. Freedom Day
- iii. Workers’ Day
- iv. Mother’s Day
- v. Youth Day
- vi. Father’s Day

In Term 3 you can look forward to lessons on Women’s Day and Heritage Day.

*“My favourite has been the Fathers’ Day Diploma - Foundation phase., I also enjoyed the coupons the learners created as part of the Mothers’ Day Foundation phase project.”*

**Ansie Lubbe**

IT Teacher at Laerskool Wolmaransstad





# Laerskool Bekker Primary

Laerskool Bekker has recently upgraded their website. This is what they have to say about Futurekids:

"We have a well developed and organized Computer Centre with 20 workstations. We offer computer training to children from Gr. R - Gr. 7, using mainly the Futurekids programmes, at a modest additional fee.

"With planned future expansion we aim to make computer training an integral part of the curriculum for all our children.

Futurekids is a worldwide concept that teaches computer literacy in a very unique way. The Futurekids computer teaching method is currently being taught in 65 countries. Founded in 1983, Futurekids was implemented in South Africa in June 1994"

## **Why Futurekids:**

- It supplements the new curriculum being implemented in our school.
- It has become a necessity today to be "technology literate" in the environment of study and work.
- The child does not need a computer at home to practise.
- The Futurekids curriculum provides all the

components pupils require for mastering the computer.

- Futurekids does not teach specific software programs. It teaches basic principles of all software packages so that it will enable the child to use any computer.
- Technology skills taught by means of the Futurekids curriculum are integrated into various school subjects. Projects and tasks given to the pupils by the teachers can be completed in the Futurekids class by making use of the technology skills taught by Futurekids.

Futurekids se onderrig is op die volgende beginsels gegrond:

- Maak die leerproses 'n plesier.
- Laat die kinders leer deur te doen.
- Bied geleentheid vir kreatiwiteit.
- Skep 'n emosioneel veilige en ondersteunende leeromgewing.
- Moedig kooperatiewe leer aan.
- Individuele onderrig.

For more information please visit:

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